

Dr. Parviz Adle, 92



His Excellency Dr. Parviz Adle of Duxbury passed away on January 27.

Born in Tehran, Iran, in 1923 into a prominent Persian family Adle, (meaning “justice” in Persian) on his father’s side and a renowned musical English family, Roze, on his mother’s side, Parviz’s powers of adaptability became apparent early on.

After his mother’s divorce and subsequent flight to England, Parviz’s father kidnapped his son from a park in London and returned with him to Iran. After speaking English with his mother, Parviz spoke French with his Sorbonne- educated father, Azeri Turkish to all those around him, then Farsi in school. Growing up, Parviz had no news of his mother and was surprised when his father told him that as it was not possible to get funds for his university out of the country therefore he would be going to Belgium to join his mother, then remarried to a baron, who had been recently tortured and killed by the Gestapo. He received his PHD in International Law from the University of Louvain, and then returned to Iran to begin his diplomatic career as an attachee during Nassar’s time in Egypt. He rose to then become Consul General in San Francisco, where his consulate was bombed in 1971, burning 50 surrounding homes. Surviving that, he was made Ambassador to Canada and then to Brazil before losing everything after the fall of the Shah in 1979. Parviz later opened a school for Iranian refugees in Istanbul in 1987, helping many families gain refugee status during the Iran and Iraq war.

Parviz remained active up until his death at 92 in Duxbury on January 27, writing several books and many articles for Persian publications around the world. A service will be held in Tehran on February 5, 2016, another in Los Angeles in early March and a third at The Old Ship Church in Hingham, MA the end of April.

Parviz is survived by his second wife, Ellen DeBard of Duxbury, son Darius of Los Angeles, daughter Maria Adle of Paris and daughter Azita Rambod of Calabasas, CA; three grandchildren: Anahita of New York City, Frederic of London and Roxana of California; his brother Seyed Hossein Adle, sister-in-law Ziba Razmara, niece Goli Adle, nephew Nader Adle and cousins across the world.